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Dear Sirs

Our Client: SCL Elections Limited

We write further to your letter of 27 March 2018.

Your explanation for the timing of the search, namely that it was driven by the 'international nature' of our client's business and/or that it was simply a function of the time at which the hearing finished, is completely inadequate. We note further your refusal to provide disclosure of the matters sought in our letter of 26 March 2018 and will draw the obvious inferences which flow as a result. We further reject your assertion that we were told at Court that the warrant was likely to be executed over the week-end and re-issue our invitation for the ICO officer said to have made this plain to put her account into a witness statement.

In all the circumstances, we unequivocally maintain our client's position, namely that the warrant was unlawfully executed and that you have no right to the items now in your possession. All our client's rights continue to be reserved.

In the meantime, the expedited return of the hardware seized from our client's premises remains an urgent priority. As set out in our previous letter, the absence of this equipment is causing real and significant damage to the business. Your casual observation that we will be notified 'in due course' when it is to be returned is not helpful and makes it impossible for our client to assess the nature and extent of any contingency plans which may have to be put in place. It should be possible to mirror image the hardware seized in a very short space of time, following which the equipment itself is of no use to you in the investigation. If that process is to continue beyond the end of this week, please explain why this is necessary and give a proposed timetable for the completion of this task. Our client can then make an informed decision as to its options going forwards.

Finally, under paragraph 7(2) of Schedule 9, our client is entitled to a copy of everything which was seized during the searches. Please treat this as a formal request for the same.

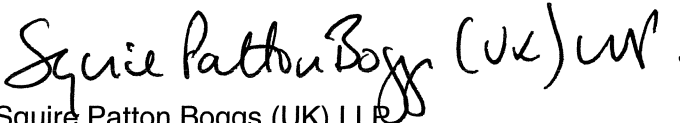
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